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**Subject:** FW: Update 1 - CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORT - District 8 - Platform Explosion - Lake Pontchartrain, Kenner, LA  
**Date:** Monday, October 16, 2017 6:53:01 AM  
**Attachments:** [NRC 1193373 Oil Platform Explosion Kenner LA.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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An oil rig explosion occurred last night in Lake Pontchartrain, Kenner, LA. EPA R6 was not notified of this incident, due to the fact the incident is located within USCG jurisdiction. I requested a spot report from the NRC this morning along with the NRC report. Please see below a quick summary from D8.

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UPDATE 1 - THE CIC process was stood down.

- \* The Responsible Party was identified as Clovelly Oil and Gas.
- \* The platform has oil and natural gas lines; as the time of the explosion, only one gas line was opened and it was promptly secured following the explosion.
- \* The oil line has a maximum potential of 100 barrels per day; the natural gas line has a maximum potential of 300 metric cubic feet per day.
- \* Two 400 barrel oil tanks are on deck, one 3,500 barrel oil tank is below deck; maximum potential between the three tanks is 800 barrels of oil.
- \* There is no suspected terrorist nexus related to the explosion. Those who were aboard at the time of the explosion believe the cause was related to the use of a new chemical to clear the lines.
- \* The fire is still active, but decreased in intensity and the fire department is on scene monitoring.
- \* A USCG Station New Orleans boat and USCG Air Station New Orleans MH-65 helicopter remain on scene in search for the remaining person, identity was confirmed.
- \* SAR Mission Coordinator is conducting Next of Kin notifications.
- \* This case is garnering National Level Media attention; USCG District Eight Public Affairs is releasing a press release.
- \* Additional Other Government Agencies who've responded since first call: Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Kenner Police Department and Bayou Gautier Fire Department.

Very Respectfully,

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INCIDENT TYPE: Platform Explosion

LOCATION: Kenner, LA; 1/2 mile off shore in Lake Pontchartrain

TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: 160030Z OCT 17

TIME OF INITIAL REPORT TO USCG UNIT: 160030Z OCT 17

NAME OF USCG UNIT THAT RECEIVED INITIAL REPORT: USCG Sector New Orleans

A FOLLOW ON CIC WILL BE HELD AT: 160300Z OCT 17Z

AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

- \* USCG Sector New Orleans received multiple reports from various sources about a loud explosion near Kenner, LA.
- \* One resident noted, after the explosion, several life rafts were seen departing the platform 1/2 mile off shore.
- \* USCG Station New Orleans launched two boats and Air Station New Orleans launched a MH-65 helicopter.
- \* Seven persons were confirmed to be aboard prior the explosion; 6 were confirmed rescued and brought to medical services; 1 remains missing and the MH-65 is conducting searches.
- \* The responsible party has not been confirmed; Sector New Orleans' Incident Management Division is investigating.
- \* Maximum potential of the platform can be determined once the responsible party is identified.
- \* Multiple other government agencies responded, to include Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Officer (helicopter), St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LA GOHSEP).
- \* Air space control is not an issue; location is near the Louis-Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.
- \* MISLE# 1102649

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